



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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◆ Electronic Health Records Team Recipient of the NASA Group Achievement Award:

Congratulations to the Electronic Health Records (EHRS) team for their receipt of the NASA Group Achievement Award. The formal award will be presented at NASA Headquarters on August 2, 2012 during the NASA Agency Honor Awards Ceremony in the James E. Webb Auditorium. Ms. Cathy Angotti, the NASA Director of Occupational Health will accept it on behalf of the team. More information about the award and the EHRS can be found on the [OH website](#).



◆ **2012 Annual OH Meeting:** Registration for the 2012 OH Meeting being held at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC), August 27-30 remains open. Currently, 88 professionals have registered. Hotel registrations at the government rate are guaranteed until August 3. If you have not registered please do so. The meeting will be held at the Training Auditorium on KSC. Parking is available on the west side of the Operations and Check Out building. Please remember to bring your NASA badge which will be required to enter the Center. Registration information can be found at the [OH website](#). Additional details will be emailed to registered attendees.

◆ Free Webinar on OSHA's revised Hazard Communication Standard:

On August 13 from 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), the Society of Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) will host a free webinar to present information on implementing OSHA's revised [Hazard Communication Standard](#) in the United States. The webinar, developed as part of OSHA's alliance with SCHC, describes changes to the Hazard Communication Standard to align with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). The agenda will include changes expected in training, labeling, and safety data sheets and compliance aides available through SCHC. OSHA staff will be on hand during the webinar to provide information and answer questions. To participate in the webinar, [click here to register for the event](#) by August 10.



◆ NASA Industrial Hygienists Gather in Indianapolis, Indiana:

Twenty-one NASA Center personnel, representing eight of the NASA Centers, attended the annual [American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition](#) held the week of June 16 in Indianapolis. The Conference theme was *Redefining Our Future* and featured many presentations on the future practice of industrial hygiene (IH). Multiple presentations were given by NASA Center IH personnel throughout the Conference; all speakers did a fantastic job. Following the day's technical sessions, NASA Center personnel gathered Monday evening for an informal networking get together. Indianapolis was a wonderful venue for the meeting and allowed all attendees to stay in close proximity to the Convention Center. This further enhanced networking opportunities throughout the week long events.

◆ New Occupational Health Manager at Headquarters:

OCHMO is pleased to announce the hiring of Christopher Warren who recently joined NASA Headquarters as the Safety and Occupational Health Manager, replacing Cherie Ziechang. His goal is for all employees to leave work the same way they arrived, safe and sound. For over twenty-five years, Chris has worked, consulted, and performed in various capacities in the occupational, life, fire, vehicle, facility, and system safety disciplines. His credentials include a B.A. in Applied Physics and certification by examination as a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) in System Safety Aspects. He has worked in various safety capacities for the Federal government for the last thirteen years. Prior to that,

he worked in the private sector as a consultant supporting industry and government. Chris has direct experience with complex systems, explosives, production environments, human factors/ergonomics, diverse operations, military and aerospace applications, and heavy construction. A highlight of his career was working as a safety engineer on Space Station Freedom Project. Chris, welcome aboard; we look forward to working with you!

◆ **New NASA IH at Langley:** Roger Johnston has recently accepted the civil service industrial hygiene (IH) position at NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC). The job may be new, but Roger isn't. He has been at LaRC for over twenty-six years and worked for six different contractors as an IH over that time period.

The past two years, Roger provided Facility Systems Engineering/Safety support to the Center Operations Directorate at Langley. Roger has a master degree in Environmental Health from East Tennessee State University. He became a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) in December of 1990 and received his CSP in May of 2004. His new title is Industrial Hygienist, and his responsibilities are the oversight of the LaRC IH and health physics (HP) programs. We welcome Roger into his new position at Langley and wish him the best!



◆ Work and Family Life Newsletter:

NASA's Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer (OCHMO) and Office of Human Capital Management (OHCM) collaborated to purchase an annual electronic subscription in 2012 to the Work and Family Life Newsletter. Unfortunately, the level of interest has not been high enough to warrant the cost of purchasing it again in 2013. Therefore, the last issue will be in December 2012. OCHMO and OHCM strongly recommend that all NASA employees regularly check the Agency's Occupational Health website ([ohp.nasa.gov](#)) and the Office of Human Capital portal ([hr.nasa.gov](#)) to access valuable tools and resources related to work/life balance and occupational health promotion and prevention activities. Please contact OCHMO at 321-867-2423, Janine.e.hardin@nasa.gov if you have any questions.

◆ **CDC National Healthy Worksite Webinar:** A webinar entitled "Is Your Workforce Chronologically Gifted?" was held July 19, 2012. It is part of a series of training webinars sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to expand awareness, knowledge, skills, and ability to plan, enhance and maintain health promotion programs in the workplace. This session discussed the issues surrounding the aging of the American workforce and provided strategies for aiding older workers and optimizing their productivity including: 1) Prioritizing flexibility in work



schedules, work conditions, work organization, work location and work tasks; 2) Allowing more self-paced work; 3) Matching tasks to ability; 4) Instituting age workforce management training for supervisors; 5) Providing eco-friendly work environments such as better illumination and less glare; and 6) Implementing appropriate clinical preventive services. For more information on this and future training sessions, visit the [National Health Worksite website](#).

◆ Upcoming OH ViTs & Webinars:



- JSC Fitness and Nutrition ViTs: *Meal Planning for Busy Families*, Glenda Blaskey - August 14, 11:30 a.m. EST
- Federal Workers' Compensation Quarterly ViTs – August 7, 1:30 p.m. EST
- JSC Fitness and Nutrition ViTs: *Your Personal Fitness Assessment*, Larry Wier - August 22, 1:00 p.m. EST
- Fitness Program Quarterly ViTs – September 5, 2:30 EST
- Employee Assistance Program Quarterly ViTs – September 11, 1:00 p.m. EST
- *Simplify Your Life*, Mike Verano (Langley EAP) – September 13, 2:30 p.m. EST

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